

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. _18__

A RESOLUTION honoring Lisa Wood as the recipient of the Women in Sports Award of Courage.

Whereas, Lisa Wood, a senior at Tecumseh High School, was awarded the Women in Sports Award of Courage for the bravery and determination she displayed in her continuing recovery from brain surgery;

Whereas, Lisa Wood was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor in 2001;

Whereas, Doctors told her that she probably had this growth for some time, but that it had become too big to ignore any longer;

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Whereas, Lisa Wood underwent her first brain surgery in 2001;

Whereas, After the 17-hour surgery, the doctors informed Lisa Wood's parents that they had been unable to remove the entire tumor;

Whereas, Lisa Wood underwent a second surgery in July 2002;

Whereas, Following the second surgery, Lisa Wood developed complications that resulted in a five-day coma and weakness on her right side;

Whereas, After three months of physical therapy, Lisa Wood returned to the Tecumseh cross country team and finished the season; she also played basketball and ran track that year;

Whereas, Lisa Wood returned to Indianapolis for a third surgery in the summer of 2003, which went well and caused Lisa to miss only about a month of training for cross country;

Whereas, Lisa Wood's doctors believe that she will require one final surgery; and

Whereas, Lisa Wood is an example of courage and determination in the face of all obstacles; she excelled despite adversity and serves as a shining example of fortitude and willpower for her family, fellow students, and friends: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives expresses its sincere congratulations to Lisa Wood and its admiration and respect for her accomplishments and her ability to overcome all obstacles placed in her path.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Lisa Wood; her parents, Gordon and Sue; her sisters, Julie and Kathy; and Principal Richard Lance.

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